AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the claims, please amend claims 1, 4-6, and 21-24 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A composition for intracellular delivery of a charged polypeptide, consisting of: a dried polypeptide-detergent ~~surfactant~~ complex wherein the ~~surfactant consists of a~~ detergent ~~having~~ has a net charge opposite that of the charged polypeptide and is associated with the polypeptide via a noncovalent bond.

2. (previously presented) The composition of claim 1 wherein the detergent contains a hydrophobic alkyl chain of 4 to 30 carbon atoms.

3. (previously presented) The composition of claim 2 wherein the detergent additionally contains a functional group selected from the list consisting of: membrane active compounds, cell penetrating compounds, cell targeting signals, interaction modifiers, steric stabilizers.

4. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the ~~complex is further associated with one or more lipids~~ the polypeptide consists of a protein.

5. (currently amended) The composition of claim [[4]] 1 wherein the ~~lipids form a liposome~~ the polypeptide consists of a biologically active, therapeutic, or diagnostically useful polypeptide.

6. (currently amended) The composition of claim [[4]] 1 wherein the ~~one or more of the lipids contains a functional group selected from the list consisting of: membrane active compounds, cell penetrating compounds, cell targeting signals, interaction modifiers, steric stabilizers~~ detergent consists of a cleavable detergent.

7. (original) The composition of claim 2 wherein the complex is dissolved in an organic or organic/aqueous solvent.

8. (original) The composition of claim 7 wherein the dissolved complex is added to one or more lipids.

9-20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A process for delivering a charged polypeptide to a cell consisting of:
    a) associating the charged polypeptide with a detergent ~~surfactant~~ via noncovalent interaction to form a polypeptide-detergent ~~surfactant~~ complex wherein the ~~surfactant consists of a~~ detergent ~~having~~ has a net charge opposite that of the charged polypeptide;
    b) dehydrating the complex to form a polypeptide-detergent ~~surfactant~~ dried salt complex;
    c) dissolving the dried salt complex with an organic or organic/aqueous solvent; and,
    d) contacting the cell with the dissolved complex of step c).

22. (currently amended) The process of claim 21 wherein ~~one or more lipids are added to the dissolved complex prior to contacting the cell with the complex~~ the polypeptide consists of a protein.

23. (currently amended) The process of claim [[22]] 21 wherein the ~~lipids form a liposome~~ the polypeptide consists of a biologically active, therapeutic, or diagnostically useful polypeptide.

24. (currently amended) The process of claim [[22]] 21 wherein the ~~dissolved complex is dried and rehydrated in aqueous solvent~~ the detergent consists of a cleavable detergent.